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INVERT EMULSION DRILLING FLUID

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, please reconsider this application in view of the following.